

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

GARY ZIERKE,

Plaintiff

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant

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No. 4:24cv919

(Judge Munley)

**ORDER**

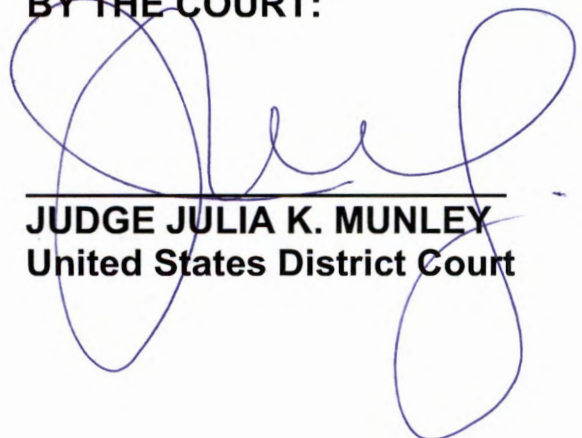
**AND NOW**, to wit, this 15th day of July 2024, upon preliminary consideration of plaintiff's complaint, and for the reasons set forth in the accompanying memorandum, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. The application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Doc. 5) is **GRANTED**.
2. Plaintiff shall pay the full filing fee of \$350.00, based on the financial information provided in the application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The full filing fee shall be paid regardless of the outcome of the litigation.
3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1) and (2), the Superintendent/ Warden, or other appropriate official at plaintiff's place of confinement is directed to deduct an initial partial filing fee of 20% of the greater of:
  - a. The average monthly deposits in the inmate's prison account for the past six months, or
  - b. The average monthly balance in the inmate's prison account for the past six months.

The initial partial filing fee shall be forwarded to the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, P.O. Box 1148, Scranton, Pennsylvania, 18501-1148, to be credited to the above-captioned docket number. In each succeeding month, when the amount in plaintiff's inmate trust fund account exceeds \$10.00, the Superintendent/ Warden, or other appropriate official, shall forward payments to the Clerk of Court equaling 20% of the preceding month's income credited to plaintiff's inmate trust fund account until the fees are paid. Each payment shall reference the above-captioned docket number.

4. The Clerk of Court is directed to **SEND** a copy of this order to the Superintendent/ Warden of the institution wherein plaintiff is presently confined.
5. Plaintiff's complaint (Doc. 1) is **DISMISSED** for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii).
6. The Clerk of Court is directed to **CLOSE** this case.
7. Any appeal from this order is **DEEMED** frivolous and not in good faith. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3).

**BY THE COURT:**



**JUDGE JULIA K. MUNLEY**  
**United States District Court**